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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP, SA
SUBJECT: SAUDI RAILROADS ANNOUNCE PLANS FOR RAILROAD FEASIBILITY STUDY

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1. ARAB NEW (JIDDA) OF JULY 4 REPORTED SAUDI GOVERNMENT RAILROAD ORGANIZATION (SGRO) DIRECTOR-GENERAL, FAYSAL AL-SHUHAIL, AS ANNOUNCING THAT THE SGRO "HAS INVITED A GROUP OF INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING FIRMS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A RAILWAY LINE ESTENSION FROM FIYADH TO THE WESTERN PROVINCE." AS AL-SHUHAIL HAS JUST LEFT ON A TRIP TO TAIWAN, KOREA AND JAPAN, CONGENOFF ASKED ASSISTANT D-G ALI ALGHUSON, CHIEF OF SGRO'S PROCUREMENT SECTION, IF POST COULD RECEIVE INFORMATION SO THAT INTERESTED US CONSULTING FIRMS COULD BE INVITED TO TENDER BID FOR PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY. ALGHUSON EXPLAINED THAT INVITATIONS HAVE NOT YET BEEN ISSUED BUT HE WOULD MAKE CERTAIN THAT CONGEN WOULD RECEIVE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION WHEN THEY ARE MAILED OUT. END UNCLASSIFIED

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2. COMMENT: EARLIER, IN AN ASIDE, ALGHUSON COMMENTED THAT
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HE, PERSONALLY, DID NOT HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE THAT THE RIYADH-WESTERN PROVINCE EXTENSION WOULD EVER BE CARRIED OUT.HKOR ONE THING, HE EXPLAINED, COST OF CONSTRUCTION WILL BE TOO GREAT AND, FOR ANOTHER, PURCHASE PRICE OF LAND FOR RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY WILL BE ENORMOUS. FOREGOING COMMENT ASIDE, POST WILL OBTAIN INFORMATION ON PROPOSED FEASIBILITY STUDY WHEN INFORMAION ISRELEASED BY SGRO. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

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